

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/745,523	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WHETSEL, LEE D.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Shelly A Chase	<b>Art Unit</b> 2133	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Shelly A Chase. (3)\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Mr. Lawrence J. Bassuk. (4)\_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 01 August 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 26-28.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed restriction requirements on group I, claims 1-24 & 29 to 34, classified in class 714 and group II, claims 26 to 28 classified in class 324. Mr. Bassuk elected to have claims 26 to 28 examined.

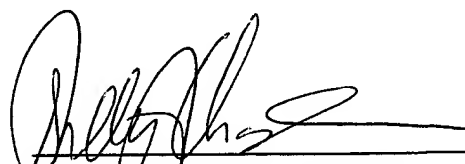
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

*Collect  
replied  
claim 26-28  
without  
issue.*

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
Examiner's signature, if required

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 1 to 25 and 29 to 34, drawn to testing integrated circuits, classified in class 714, subclass 724.
  - II. Claims 26 to 28, drawn to fault detecting in electrical circuits, classified in class 324, subclass 765.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

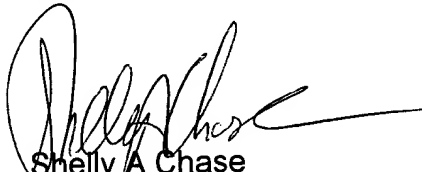
Inventions group I and group II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention group II claims 26 to 28 have separate utility such as fault detection in an electrical device. See MPEP § 806.05(d).
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. During a telephone conversation with Mr. Lawrence Bassuk on 8-1-01 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of group II, claims 26 to 28. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 1 to 25 and 29 to 34 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelly A Chase whose telephone number is 703-308-7246. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu from 8:00am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on 703-305-9595. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-5403 for regular communications and 703-308-9051 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-9600.

  
Shelly A Chase  
August 23, 2001